



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:  
Christian REITER et al.

Application No. 09/744,176  
Confirmation No. 3010

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For: ANTI-HEPATITIS C VIRUS  
ANTIBODY AND USES  
THEREOF

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Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed 13 August 2003, wherein the Examiner gave a three-month period for response, attached hereto and herein incorporated by reference is a Petition for Extension of Time for Three Months, making the due date for response 13 February 2004.